

REPUBLICAN PARTY CANDIDATE STATEMENTS ★ ★ ★

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California's Lieutenant Governor must be ready to assume the office of Governor at a moment's notice. This responsibility demands a person who knows every inch of our state government. It requires a person who is willing to speak up for the forgotten taxpayer and to confront the spending lobby that now dominates Sacramento. During the recall election, I set forth a comprehensive plan to restore California as the land of opportunity that we once knew, and as Lt. Governor, I intend to pursue that plan. For nearly 25 years I have fought for the reforms necessary to roll back the taxes that are crushing our families, to rein in the bureaucracies that are wasting our money, to reduce the regulations that are destroying our economy, to oppose the illegal immigration that is depressing our workers' wages, and to restore our long-neglected public works. I am spearheading the effort to stop government from seizing the property of one citizen for the private gain of another. I lead the campaign to rebate excessive tax collections to California families. I began the movement to abolish California's car tax. And I have battled waste and fraud in both Republican and Democratic administrations. I have devoted my career to fighting for the fiscal reforms needed to save our state and protect working families. Please visit my website at www.tommclintock.com to see the specific measures I have proposed and to help this grassroots campaign to restore California.

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As the state's financial watchdog, I will support efforts to secure our border against terrorists, criminals, and illegal immigration. That will save billions of dollars spent on the jailing of illegal immigrants who are rapists, burglars, murderers, and other convicted criminals. As controller of a large business I have experience the state needs. As a legislator, I've worked hard to make government more accountable. I authored a measure to establish the Office of the Independent Auditor to audit state government, make elected officials more accountable, cut wasteful spending, and expose government corruption. I wrote a measure to crack down on tax dodgers so we can punish those who do not pay their taxes. I also wrote legislation to withhold legislators' pay when they don't pass the budget on time, expose exorbitant perks and salaries paid at taxpayer expense, and provide for a more honest state budget process. My strong opposition against higher taxes earned me the Hero of the Taxpayer Award from Americans for Tax Reform. As Controller, I will continue my opposition to higher taxes. As Controller, I will also work to return billions of dollars in unclaimed private property held by the state. But, returning your assets back to you can't wait. Please visit www.electabel.com to link to the Controller's office to see if the state is holding assets you own. I'm a lifelong Republican and fiscal conservative. My campaign has been endorsed by 55 past and current county chairs of the Republican Party.

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There's a reason why Tom McClintock, Bill Simon, and the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association have endorsed me for Controller. Like you, they're tired of school district bureaucrats earning big salaries, while our classrooms are ignored. As your State Controller, my first priority will be to impose rigorous performance audits on the bureaucrats—starting with the massive, bloated Los Angeles Unified School District. The LAUSD headquarters is called the “Taj Majal” by teachers. It's a plush building from which the bureaucrats and administrators look down upon failing schools with leaky roofs and out-of-date textbooks. This district is so large, that all of its employees could not meet at Dodger Stadium—it's too small to hold them. This waste not only robs Los Angeles's children of the education they deserve, but it sucks up a hugely disproportionate amount of all our state tax dollars. By instituting real performance audits, I'll force the bureaucrats to show, in detail, where the money is really going—because it certainly isn't getting to the classrooms. The Controller is charged with exposing fraud and abuse, wherever state tax dollars are expended. I will institute tough performance audits in every area of government, from welfare to the DMV to our public health system, to insure that your tax dollars are not being used to fund services for illegal aliens, and to hold the bureaucrats accountable. As your State Controller, I will protect you and your paycheck against fraud and mismanagement in government. You can help by visiting www.TonyStrickland.com.

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Having been elected to the State Board of Equalization seven years ago and having served one year on the Franchise Tax Board, I am in a position to understand the state's economic and revenue situation. An ever increasing percentage of state bond interest payments is consuming a larger and larger portion of the state's budget. The needs are now acute for more state funding for education and other services, and this puts pressure on to increase all taxes including personal and corporate income taxes as well as the state sales taxes. Any increase in those taxes will cause a stall in the California economy and may cause businesses to leave the state. The state is already way too deep in debt. To solve part of the problem the State Treasurer must go before the Legislature to oppose all but the most vital bond issues! Second, I have held the NASD Security Licenses Series 7, Registered Representative, as well as the Registered Principle and Financial Principle Licenses, so with an understanding of the financial markets I want to eliminate dealing with the "Middle Men" from "Wall Street" that receive hundreds of millions of dollars in underwriting fees and instead have our bonds underwritten by California-based brokerage firms. Not only will the State save hundreds of millions of dollars, but California will receive taxes from these California-based firms. I seek your vote and have been endorsed by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers organization, and many leading state legislators.

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Dear Californians, I'm Keith Richman, a *Republican business owner* running for State Treasurer. During the first 20 years of my career, I built two businesses—an \$80 million health care company and successful Pacific Rim packaging company—by *making wise investments and insisting on fiscal responsibility*. Five years ago I took those business values to the State Assembly to *solve the problems that threaten California's future*. Working with *Governor Schwarzenegger and leaders from both parties*, I helped: *improve our business climate* with workers compensation insurance reform; *reduce the state budget deficit* with Propositions 57 and 58; *secure fair employer tax rules* that keep jobs in California, and encourage *smart investments in public schools, roads, transit systems, universities, flood control, water systems, and parks*. As State Treasurer, I will work with Republicans of all opinions, as well as Democrats and Independents to *control immigration, strengthen our economy, improve our schools, and build for the future*. I know the difference between the *right way to come to California* and the illegal way. I know what it takes to meet *the challenge of foreign competition and create new California jobs*. I know California needs *well-educated workers and good schools* to maintain our prosperity and quality of life. I know *we need wise public investments and safe returns* to prepare for 10 million more Californians by 2025. *By earning your vote*, I will take my *fiscally responsible, business-like approach* to the State Treasurer's office. Sincerely, *Keith Richman*

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California is a terrific place to live, but we need leaders who are not afraid to stand up and fight for the rights of taxpayers. As a Member of the Board of Equalization—the only elected office with the job of protecting the rights of taxpayers—I have worked hard since my first election in 2002 to hold government accountable. In the Legislature, I was proud to have authored the Taxpayer Bill of Rights. When it was rumored that there was corruption in the Governor’s office involving campaign contributions and government contracts, I worked on the Joint Legislative Audit Committee to hold people involved accountable. The Board of Equalization is an independently elected tax panel that makes the final decision in disputes between taxpayers and government bureaucrats. Taxpayers deserve to have an advocate fighting for their interests—and that is what I have done as a Member of the Board of Equalization. I am proud to be endorsed by Republican volunteer organizations, the National Tax Limitation Committee PAC, and the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association PAC. When you cast your ballot for Board of Equalization, I would be honored to have your vote. Please visit my website (www.billleonard.org) to learn more about the Board of Equalization or to find out more about my record as an advocate for taxpayers. I appreciate your consideration, and I hope you know I will do all I can to make sure government is held accountable for how it spends our hard-earned tax dollars.

RAY HAYNES

Board of Equalization, District 3

I’m running for the Board of Equalization to hold government accountable and lead the fight against higher taxes, big government, and wasteful spending. *As author of the California Border Police Initiative, I’ve led efforts to stop illegal immigration.* Taxpayers spend over \$10 Billion every year on illegal aliens, and we must do everything possible to secure our border. As co-sponsor of Jessica’s Law, I’ve worked hard to protect children. Taxpayers need a strong conservative leader on the Board of Equalization with the experience to hold government accountable. As a conservative State Legislator, I’ve never voted for a tax increase. As Co-Chair of Rescue California—Recall Gray Davis, I worked with conservative leaders to recall Gray Davis from office and to repeal the car tax he signed into law. Congressman Darrell Issa supports me. The Board of Equalization is the only elected body with the responsibility of standing up for taxpayers. *The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association gave me an “A” rating and the Chairman of the National Tax Limitation Committee endorsed me because of my strong leadership in the Legislature for standing up against big spending liberals.* I would be honored to have your vote. I will bring a 20-year record of conservative, responsible leadership that is needed on the Board of Equalization to make sure government is held accountable. Please feel free to visit my website (www.HaynesforBOE.com) for more information. I hope I can count on your vote in this very important election. Thank you for your consideration. Ray Haynes

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The Board of Equalization is one of the largest taxing agencies in the State. It contributes over 36% to the State’s general fund. *I bring to this office twenty years of experience as a Senior Tax Auditor for the Board of Equalization.* I offer the voters an in-depth understanding of this agency. I am the only candidate that has published a detailed plan for its improvement. *My goal is to achieve a more proactive and taxpayer-friendly Board.* My plan is founded on my experience and not on any political agenda. I will not seek any other elected position; therefore, my decisions will be based on law and not on any political favoritism. This is a non-legislative position, but I pledge to work with our legislators to modify the sales and use tax laws based on the input I have received from the business community over the last twenty years. If elected, *I promise the voters to be motivated by my dedication, driven by my experience, and supported by my integrity.* Please review my website at www.PetruzzoForBOE.com and then decide.

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As a conservative Republican, I am proud to serve as Deputy to our Republican Member of the Board of Equalization Claude Parrish. Now that he is retiring, it is vital that taxpayers have another fiscal watchdog to take his place. There's a reason why leading conservatives Bill Simon, Bruce Herschensohn, Congressman Dana Rohrabacher, and dozens of GOP congressmen, legislators, and local elected officials are supporting me for this seat. See www.SteelForBOE.com. That's because, as a rock-solid fiscal conservative, I will be the Taxpayer's Advocate against the bureaucracy. Believe me, we need voices to speak out and defend taxpayers! I have witnessed first-hand how the taxing agencies assume taxpayers are guilty until proven innocent. I believe that approach is un-American. My philosophy is that every hearing should begin with the presumption that the taxpayer is innocent. As a businesswoman, wife, and mother, I know how tough it can be to make ends meet. I believe the hardworking families of California deserve an Advocate who will stand with them against abusive government bureaucracies. As a board member of the California World Trade Commission, I also became convinced that our high California taxes are harming our competitiveness in the world economy. And that is why I have pledged to oppose any new taxes. I am an experienced, fiscally conservative professional who will not need on-the-job training, because I'm already on the job defending taxpayers today. I would be honored to have your support. For any questions, please visit my website at www.SteelForBOE.com.

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On the *Los Angeles County Assessment Appeals Board*, as its Chairman, the *equalization* of the *Los Angeles County's Tax Roll* was reduced by more than eighty billion (\$80,000,000,000.00) dollars (1995–2006). On the *California State Board of Equalization*, I ask for *your support*, I will work to earn and keep your trust.

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When Tax Laws change, the first thing I think is: "How is this going to affect me?" I am Glen Forsch, and as a husband, father of two, and a Corporate Director in Retail Business for over twenty-five years, I believe in *justice for taxpayers*. This means that Tax Laws should be fairly enforced for Individuals and Businesses, alike. I want to clear up any *internet sales tax disputes* and collect monies owed by out-of-state vendors, if they illegally charge Sales Tax to California Residents. I will fight to keep Prop. 13 as it is, and I want to work to promote a *one- to two-day*, per month, *sales tax holiday* in California, when the budget permits.

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As a small business owner for 28 years with an MBA degree, I have obtained knowledge and experience in business and fulfilled all my financial obligations as an entrepreneur. I understand what it takes to be successful and responsible, having started with almost nothing and achieving the American dream of success and education for my family. Even my own children and grandchildren are now pursuing their own dreams of success. My experience will bring sound judgment and innovative ideas to the Board of Equalization. Today's statewide "financial feud" is calling me to use my business skills to strengthen finances and work to eliminate the ongoing budget crisis by developing practical, sustainable, and bilateral ideas that satisfy both government and taxpayers including: Increasing revenues by controlling exemptions and loopholes that favor one group of taxpayers over another; Promoting awareness and understanding of tax laws with multi-lingual materials to encourage voluntary compliance by all Californians; Supporting business growth for all segments of the community to expand job markets and more state revenues without new taxes; Building nonpartisan support for business and job development for all Californians. I will work to create a culture of sincerity and honesty in entrepreneurship and build a foundation for success with financial integrity. As an elected member of the California Senior Legislature, I've worked to creatively address needs and concerns of California's seniors. I'll do the same for all Californians by working to make us once again an AAA+ Golden State.

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California's tax system needs reform. Too many jobs have been lost. We need a tax code that is *simple, fair, and competitive*. My legal and financial experience will bring this needed change. My endorsements include Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley, former Republican Senate Leader Jim Brulte, and the CCR. I hope to have your endorsement on June 6th.

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